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A Newsletter for the ARKANSAS

Master Singers



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DIRECTIONS

from
Jim Daniel



What a great day we had on Thursday, February 23. Thank you, Keith Clutts and Taylor Keenan, for leading your church team to be such great hosts. I have heard nothing but great things concerning the concerts and the time spent at each location. The Lord answered our prayers.

I am excited to have everyone together again as we gather at First Baptist Church Russellville on Thursday, March 16. You will find more information concerning that day in this newsletter, but I wanted to spend just a minute in God's Word and allow it to remind us of why we do what we do and to thank you for your consistent participation in this ministry.

We are extremely blessed by God with talent and purpose. But if I am not very careful, I can lose sight of my purpose as I focus on using my talent. We all realize our ultimate purpose is to bring glory to God in everything that we do as we live our lives out for Him and His Kingdom. Our talent is a gift from the Lord that we use as a tool to bring Him glory and to complete His mission, which is making disciples of every nation through the proclamation of the Gospel. We have been entrusted with a powerful resource in that effort, music.

As we gather and sing together, there are many blessings that we experience. We experience the fellowship of the believer. We gather under the banner of Christ as His children, and we are encouraged through the fellowship as the Spirit of God renews our spirit through one another. That happens not only in our gathering, but also in every gathering of the believer. That is why the author of Hebrews encourages us to, "consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together..." (Hebrews 10:24-25). I need to be "stirred up" through the fellowship of other believers.

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Click [HERE](#) to
go to PCO to
Accept/Decline your invite

Please watch your email for your PCO invitation to the upcoming Concert of Worship. If you do not happen to see your invitation, click on the link above to go to PCO and accept or decline the upcoming concert.

PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS



Reflect His Light

Alice Startup

Women's Chorus President

As we all know, the word LIGHT is used throughout scripture to describe God and His glory. Jesus described Himself as "The Light of the World" (John 8:12), the light that shines in the darkness (John 1:4-5). The darker the darkness is, the more the light is amplified for the hurting and hopeless who sit in the darkness!

Before His death, Jesus said that WE are "the light of the world." (Matthew 5:14), but we cannot produce the light! We can only be a reflection of His light shining on us, shining His glory, His truth, His way, His life through us. Like the moon reflects the light of the sun on our darkened world, may Jesus shine through us as a beacon of hope to the lost and dying, as a lighthouse to guide them safely to Him, so that the lost will turn from the darkness to the light (Acts 26:18), and then He can give them a new song to sing! (Psalm 40:3)

As we come together to sing at First Baptist Church in Russellville, I pray that we will come with our hearts prepared, ready to allow Him to shine through us and that His love will radiate through our countenance and through our voices and instruments.

**"I waited patiently for the Lord:
He inclined to me and heard my cry.
He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog,
And set my feet upon the rock,
making my steps secure.
He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God."**

Psalm 40:1-3

See you soon and safe travels!
Alice Startup

Are You An Encourager?

Darrell Spigner

Men's Chorus President



Greetings everyone! I hope you enjoyed the split concerts of worship wherever you were singing last month. I'm excited as we gather once again at First Baptist Church, Russellville. I hope you have made plans to attend on Thursday, March 16. Full details of the day's events are elsewhere in this newsletter. It is always a blessing to come together and sing the Lord's praises. Be sure to accept or decline the invitation.

I love when we gather for these events. It is an encouragement to me, and I hope I encourage many of you.

I just love when others encourage me. Isn't it great to be around someone whose words are encouraging and edifying? Someone who makes you feel good because of their words that build you up and bring you grace just when you need it?

One of the most attractive and healing personalities in the world is an individual who can spread grace, and blessing, and build up others with encouraging words. Anybody can tear down with destructive words, but God's people should build one another up!

I heard the story of a guy who was in line at a grocery store one time and there was a lady there with several small children. I guess those children had gotten the best of her because she got so angry with them. She lit into those kids with her words. And he thought, "Those little children are growing up with words that tear down instead of build up!"

With your family, friends, or with anyone, use words that encourage. Don't let your emotions control your reactions in certain situations but be intent on showing grace to others just as God shows it to you!

Our goal should always be to restore instead of condemn. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. - 1 Thessalonians 5:11
Be encouraged in the Lord today,
Darrell

CONCERT OF WORSHIP: FBC RUSSELLVILLE



Robert Ramsey
Worship Pastor
First Baptist
Russellville

Hello Master'Singers!

We are excited to host you all this year! Last year, we had to cancel due to winter weather. But, Lord willing, March 16 is a go. We will be ready for you while looking forward to a great time of worship together.

If coming from Little Rock, you'll likely take exit 84. From Ft. Smith, you'll first see exit 78. Exits 81 and 83 are good, also, depending on your choice for lunch. We recommend some hometown establishments, all owned by some of our church members - Brangus Steakhouse, Old South, and Wildflower Cafe. You'll also find CJ's Burgers, Feltner's Whataburger, Stoby's, the familiar Colton's or Chili's, a couple of good Mexican food choices, and Chick-Fil-A. Close to the church is Pasta Grill and Fat Daddy's BBQ.

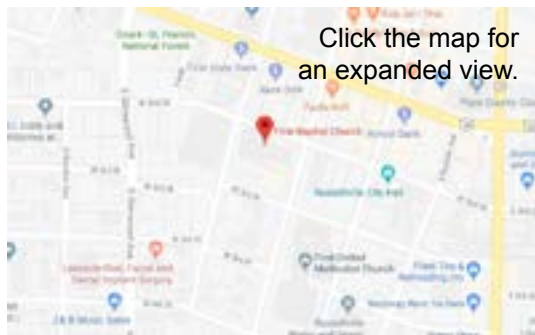
For a hotel, we have used Hampton Inn, Courtyard by Marriott, and Holiday Inn Express.

Lastly, when you arrive to the church, our event location will be 205 South Glenwood Ave. (The map below will take you to the parking area.) The 200 South Denver Ave. address for the opposite end of our campus. So, when you arrive, we'll ask you to park on the west parking lot, which leads right across the street into the worship center lobby.

God bless, and we'll see you in Russellville!

Robert

Directions - First Baptist - Fort Smith



Schedule for the Day

10:30 am	Leadership Team Meeting
12:30 pm	Check-in and Fellowship
1:00 pm	Separate Rehearsals
	Women
	Men
	Orchestra
2:15 pm	Break and Refreshments
3:00 pm	Combined Rehearsal
5:30 pm	Dinner and Dress for Concert
6:45 pm	Line-up and Prayer
7:00 pm	Concert of Worship

Tentative Order for the Concert

Greeting

Oh Give Thanks

Behold Our God

It Is Well

At the Name of Jesus (SATB)

Psalms 46

Women's Chorus

My Jesus, I Love Thee

I'll Fly Away

Offertory Explanation & Prayer

Men's Chorus

The Old Rugged Cross

At the Name of Jesus

Breath and Clay

I Speak Jesus

Thank You Jesus for the Blood

Hymn of Heaven

Gospel Presentation

All the Praise

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Ruth Nininger / Ervin Keathley Award Nominations

This award was established in 2009 to honor a male and female Master'Singer who have made an outstanding contribution to music ministry in Arkansas. The Award will be presented at the Annual Master'Singers Retreat. Please feel free to nominate living or deceased male and female members. Give your nominations to your presidents (Alice Startup or Darrell Spigner). All nominees must be in by the final Concert of Worship of the current year. Non-eligible members: **Current directors (Jim Daniel, Angela White, or Tim Gunter), current presidents (Alice Startup or Darrell Spigner) or past recipients:**

2009 – Jean Pilcher and Tim Blann

2010 – Retha Kilmer and J. Paul Williams

2011 – Janie Thompson and John Dresbach

2012 – Peggy Pearson and Will Thompson

2013 – Donna Crenshaw and Glen Ennes

2014 – Donna Teague and Richard Wade

2015 – Glenda Riddle and Sam Wakefield

2016 – Mary Winters and Bob Endel

2017 – Elizabeth Barnett and Louis Criswell

2018 – Missy Hines and David Tatum

2019 – Vicki Bedford and Lee Barnett

2020 – Carrie Taylor and Doug Moore

2021 – Shelia Moore and Larry Grayson

2022 – Sharon Sanders and Jerry Miller

The Master'Singers Memorial Scholarship

The Arkansas Master'Singers Memorial Scholarship is now accepting applications for the 2023-24 school year. The scholarship is designed to support students who are preparing for some type of vocational ministry through music. The Scholarship is for \$1,000, and can be renewed annually for up to three additional years. For more information and application instructions, please follow the link below.

Scholarship Information

Directions (continued from page 2)

As we gather and sing, we are also built up in the body of Christ. Paul wrote to the church in Ephesus, "...speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love" (Ephesians 4:15-16). We need each other, functioning properly within the body of Christ, so we can build one another up in love.

Finally, we have the blessing of stewarding our talent well as we proclaim the Gospel through song. King David wrote in the Psalms, "I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to You among the nations" (Psalm 57:9). "May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us, that Your way may be known on earth, your saving power among the nations" (Psalm 67:1-2).

May each time we gather be a time of stirring, building, and proclaiming!

Jim

NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW....

click for more information

Register for the 2023 Spring Worship Leader Roundtables



July 10-14, 2023
Ouachita Baptist University

Registration Now Open
www.praiseworksarkansas.com



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JULY 10-14
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NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW...



Welcome to Planning Center Online



We are so excited to introduce Planning Center Online (PCO) to you this year. We will utilize PCO for all of our concert scheduling and registrations as well as storing and sharing all our music charts and recordings for the year. PCO is an incredibly powerful tool that will enable us to share information more readily.

What if I already have a PCO account with my church?

If you have a current PCO account with your church, you can link the two accounts. Linking will make switching back and forth between multiple organizations very easy (without having to log out and back in). To do so, you must be using the same name, email, and password for all organizations. Then, simply log out and back in. Then click "Link Accounts." You may need to reset your passwords to be the same. If so, please contact David and he will send you a password reset, then you can reset the password for all organizations at once. You can also access Music Stand for multiple organizations after linking the accounts. Simply click the three lines icon on the top left of your screen, click your name when it pops up at the top, then select which organization (church or Master'Singers) you wish to access! If you need help, please contact David!

Registering for Concerts of Worship and other Events

For each event, everyone will receive a scheduling request via email. At the bottom of that email are two links, one to "Accept" and one to "Decline" the request from PCO. If you plan on attending the concert/event, please accept the request, and if you cannot attend, please decline the request. When you "Accept," you are counted for two very important reasons: the Meal before the concert and to let us know how many are coming in each section and the orchestra. By doing so, the host church can best prepare for our arrival. The deadline for being included in the meal count is by NOON on the Monday BEFORE the event. Please help us help our hosts by replying promptly.

Scheduling emails are sent out from PCO two weeks prior to the concert. If you are NOT receiving these email requests, please do the following: 1) check your junk/spam folder as these emails may end up there, 2) log in to PCO and ensure that you are checking the right email account, 3) if neither of the two previous options help, contact David Tatum for assistance. dtatum@fbcsherwood.org

Acquiring Music Files

Music charts and recordings will no longer be available on the Master'Singers website. All of these tasks will now be included in your PCO account. To view the files, you must go to the "SERVICE" (concert) in which you are scheduled to sing/play.

Once you accept your invitation, if you are viewing the service on your computer (not your smart phone or tablet), select the service in the "PLANS" tab at the top. On the right hand side of each song in the order of service, select the gray box with the number in it to access each song's files.

Music Stand App

If you have a tablet you can use PCO's Music stand App. It is available for free in the App Stores for both Apple and Android devices. To access the music for each concert/service, simply log in to Music Stand with your PCO credentials (see below). You can then navigate to the particular Service (concert) and your music will be in order and ready for you to view. This works with both singers and instrumentalists.

Forgot Your Login?

If you have forgotten your PCO login, simply click the "Need a password?" link on the PCO login page. Enter the email address that you use to log in, and PCO will send you a password reset email.



2022 - 2023 Events

September 15-16, 2022

Annual Master'Singers Retreat
Immanuel Baptist, LR

October 13, 2022

OBU Concert of Worship

October 25, 2022

ABSC Annual Meeting
FBC, Hot Springs

January 23, 2023

ABSC Evangelism Conference
Geyer Springs FBC, LR

February 23, 2023

Split Concerts of Worship
FBC, Fort Smith & FBC, Searcy

March 16, 2023

Concert of Worship
FBC, Russellville

April 13, 2023

Concert of Worship
UAM Fine Arts Center, Monticello



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2022-2023 Leadership Team



Jim Daniel
Director



Darrell Spigner
President



Taylor Keenen
1st Vice President



Jeremy Raines
2nd Vice President



Randy Cross
Ten 1 Host



Brian Trostle
Ten 2 Host



Phillip Johnson
Baritone Host



Jerry Miller
Bass Host



Michael Battenfield
Chaplain



Josh Junyor
Accompanist



Ken Holland
Past President



Tim Gunter
Inst. Ens. Dir.



David Tatum
Communications

**Men's Seating
Coordinator**

Randy Cross



Angela White
Director



Alice Startup
President



Cheri Cloud
1st Vice President



Lynda Martin
2nd Vice President



Kathryn Coleman
Sop 1 Host



Carla White
Sop 2 Host



Bev Bowman
Alto 1 Host



Cindy McKinstry
Alto 2 Host



Janie Thompson
Chaplain



Peggy Pearson
Accompanist



Sharon Sanders
Outfit Coordinator



Missy Hines
Past President



**Women's Seating
Coordinators**

Karla Tarkington

Amy Golden